

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of : Holger WINKLER, et al.

Serial No.: 10/529,793

Group Art Unit: 1791

Filed: March 30, 2005

Examiner: Vargot

For: PROCESS FOR THE PRODUCTION OF INVERSE OPAL-LIKE STRUCTURES

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

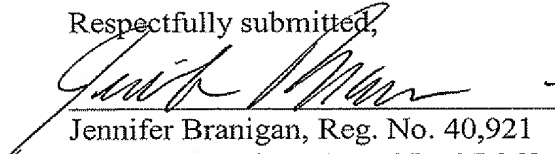
Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated 10 September 2008, Applicants' hereby elect with traverse Group II, claims 7-14 drawn to a process for the production of inverse opal structures.

The Examiner is urged to withdraw the restriction requirement because it has not been established that an undue searching burden would be required to examine the full scope of the claims.

No fee is believed to be due with this response, however, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees associated with this response or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-3402.

Respectfully submitted,



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